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11. (SBU) We shared Ref A World Health Assembly message on pandemic influenza preparedness with Russian Government officials at the MFA's International Organizations Department, the Health and Social Development Ministry's International Department (MOHSD), and the International Department of the Federal Surveillance Service for Consumer Rights Protection and Human Well-Being (Rospotrebnadzor). Senior Counselor Nikita Sikachov in the MFA's International Department and Yevgeniy Slastnikh from the MOHSD both told us they welcomed receiving the U.S. views on pandemic flu preparedness, but offered no substantive response. (NOTE: We reported separately in Ref B on Russian views regarding smallpox. END NOTE)

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